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Frank Bagley Buys Service Station Property

First Easter Sunrise Service

Everything is in readiness for Joshua Tree's first Easter Sunrise Service, and Dr. D. C. Williams says he expects the slopes of Sunrise Terrace to be well filled long before the sun comes up over the horizon at 5:15.

A gleaming white cross has been erected by the members of the Community Chapel and a special program of vocal and instrumental music has been arranged. Dr. D. C. Williams, pastor of the Chapel will be in charge.

An invitation has been extended to the American Legion, The Joshua Tree Women's Club and the Chamber of Commerce to participate in the services.

There will also be special Easter services at 11 o'clock in the Community Hall. Dr. Williams will speak.

29 Palms Vets Elect Officers

Twentynine Palms Post 4229 VFW are holding a turkey shoot April 5th. They say bring your own gun or use theirs, but come and get yourself a turkey.

If you can shoot good enough to get yourself a turkey the VFW boys will give you a ticket for the turkey and you can stake it to Les Evans at the Desert Market Basket and get one of the new brands of broadbreasted bronze turkeys that Les has recently taken on as a regular feature in his store. They say you haven't eaten turkey until you've tried one of these.

According to Adjutant Milliard the vets are planning a number of sporting events throughout the summer and announcement will be made through these columns as they are scheduled to occur.

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Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

AT EASTER TIME

Awaken me to the beauty
Of flowers at early dawn;
Awaken me to the sun's warm rays
That heal as a soothing balm.

Awaken me to the twilight,
And the starry worlds of the night;
Awaken me to Thee, oh Christ,
The Resurrection, Truth, and Light.

Desert Flight Club Breakfast

Getting up early in the morning and flying over this desert in the early morning atmosphere certainly has an invigorating effect upon the appetite.

This was plainly in evidence Sunday morning when 35 members and guests of the Desert Flight Club staged a breakfast flight from "K" Field to the Giant Rock Airport. The way those flying enthusiasts put away the ham and eggs, toast and coffee, cooked out in the open on a 'jungle' fire would—well words can't describe it, but there wasn't anything left.

The new Cessna transport, three Consolidated BT's, the Piper Cub and a glider were used to transport the party back and forth.

Bill Putnam flying the Piper Cub was the last to arrive and he gave the party something to talk about by heading the Piper into the brisk morning breeze and holding it at a complete standstill about 500 feet above the airport.

According to the boys at "K" Field this is only the first of a number of breakfast flights they are planning to different parts of the desert.

Morongo C. of C. Preparing for Annual Barbecue

The Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce is busy making preparations for their annual Barbecue to be held on Decoration Day, in May.

The event last year was one of the first efforts of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce and was such a grand success they decided to make it an annual affair.

Because of the growth in population and the fame of last year's feast the Chamber is expecting a capacity crowd.

Standard Oil Takes 10 year Lease; Will Modernize, Equip for Complete Service

Frank Bagley, desert pioneer and the father of Twentynine Palms has purchased the Joshua Tree Service Station property on the corner of Park Boulevard and the Twentynine Palms Hiway. Chas. A. Mitchell consummated the deal through the Bunker Land Company. The property has 95 feet frontage on the Hiway and is 100 feet deep. The consideration is reported at \$15,000.

B. F. Arnold Building

B. F. Arnold has started construction on the new store building that will house his hardware and plumbing supply business at Morongo Valley. Arnold says he expects to have it finished in about two months.

Mr. Arnold started his hardware business almost two years ago in the cramped space of the old Texaco service station, outgrew that, and moved into a small temporary building near the location of the new store. Scarcity of building material has held up construction of the new store and Arnold says he will be glad when he can move into the new place and have room enough to display his merchandise.

Successful Food Sale

Thelma Wiser, Women's Club president says the food sale Saturday was very successful and she thanks the people of the town for their support and cooperation.

The members of the club will meet at Krumcke home April 9th for another all day sewing circle, making aprons for the coming bazaar.

There will be a Board Meeting at 1:30 in the Clubhouse, Friday, April 4th.

"Sleepy Sal" Nominated to Run In Sweepstakes May 4th

Sleepy Sal, a giant Turtle that measures 14 inches across the back, and belonging to Frank Cook is the first of the desert denizens to be definitely nominated to run in the Classic Event of the Turtle Races, to be held in Joshua Tree, Sunday, May 4th.

Cook says the racing fans don't want to be deceived by the name, because Sleepy Sal is training perfectly and by post time will be ready to give a good account of her(?)self.

Stefan deBandrowsky says he has a challenger in "Stefan" that won't be far from the money when the race is run. Stefan (the Turtle) is of a nervous hi-strung disposition that is giving the trainer no little trouble at this time

but it is expected he will steady down and be ready to run the best race of his career in the big added money race.

Not less than forty entries are expected for the big money event, and while Sleepy Sal is the biggest turtle entered so far, rumor has it that there are several bigger Turtles whose owners are keeping them in the dark until the last moment.

Frank Cook, General Manager, has his committees working hard getting everything in readiness for this Second Annual Running of the Grand National Sweepstakes. They expect to have the race card ready next week and will announce the amount of the purses.

Uncle Sam Owns 71 per cent of Land In San Bernardino County

SACRAMENTO, March 25 (WNS)—A resolution by Assemblyman J. J. Hollibaugh of Huntington Park, adopted unanimously by the Assembly today, may result in lessening the amount of tax-free Federal land in San Bernardino County.

With 43 per cent of the total area of the State owned by the Federal Government, counties are attempting, through the resolution, which memorializes Congress to sell or provide in lieu revenue to local governments, so as to secure return of as much of the land as possible to the tax rolls, and thus ease the local taxpayers' burden.

In San Bernardino County, 9,216,467 acres, or 71.54 per cent of the total area of the County, are owned by the Federal Government and not subject to taxation by the State or County government.

The Hollibaugh resolution proposes that the Federal Government sell to private interests as much of the federally held land as is feasible, and work out some arrangement whereby in lieu taxes, that is, grants of some type, may be made to reimburse the counties carrying this tax-free land.

"Of California's total hundred million acres, 43 million acres are owned by the Federal Government, and thus are tax exempt," Hollibaugh said. "Anyone can see the advantage to the local taxpayer of government where that revenue properly belongs."

MORONGO VALLEY GOES OVER TOP

The Red Cross drive went over the top in Morongo Valley this week.

Residents of Housing Project Enjoy Park Tour

Thirty-five boys, girls, men and women, all residents of the ENCANTO HOMES, government housing project on West 9th street in San Bernardino, enjoyed a day in the Joshua Tree National Monument, Sunday.

The group led by E. J. Woodmansee, of the Federal Housing Authority, and Ed Jackson, Athletic Director at the project, made the trip in one of the big Roesch buses. All the residents in this project are employees of the Santa Fe railroad.

The bus was driven by Jack Roesch, who has the school bus contract in the City of San Bernardino. Roesch says he is planning to start a series of excursions from that town to the Monument, using these big buses for the purpose.

Everyone of those making this trip said they had a wonderful day and during their stop here on the way home, invaded Stefans for ice cream and sodas, and that popular spot was filled to capacity.

Those responsible for putting the drive over the top were D. F. Geil, Mrs. Sarah Millington, Mrs. Alice Kinsley, and Mrs. Clara Livingstone.

State Division of Mines Up for Probe

SACRAMENTO, March 24 — (WNS) (Exclusive)—A Senate investigation into the State Division of Mines was in the making today following charges made by members of the Legislature to the effect that the division has been withholding information which, under the law, is a matter of public record.

The move for an official investigation is being sponsored by Senators Frank Gordon of Napa County and Chris N. Jespersen of San Luis Obispo County. The two conferred today and agreed to prepare a resolution asking the Senate to create a special committee to investigate the State mine agency and its chief, State Mineralogist Olaf P. Jenkins.

One of the things which the Senate committee will be asked to look into is the agreement which the division of mines has entered into with mine operators which pledges the division to secrecy regarding production information furnished by the operators.

This agreement, according to the members, is contrary to the law.

Another point which will be contained in the resolution will be an inquiry into the reason the State Mineralogist is unable to furnish many production reports dated later than 1944.

MELODY RANCHO FRYERS

Strange as it may seem, we have right here in Joshua Tree the most modern idea in producing 'eating' chickens.

Melody Rancho Fryers are now ready for the market, and Wm. Youker, owner and operator says that at present he will be able to supply about two-hundred fryers per week.

According to Youker, fryers raised in batteries, as his are, are superior in quality and flavor, because the grower can control what the birds eat, and because they do not have a chance to run their legs off, more of the feed goes to making flesh. Fryers raised in this modern way are ready for the market at a much earlier age, he says.

Youkers asks that when you want to enjoy Melody Rancho fryers on Sunday that they be ordered on Monday for Saturday delivery.

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Song Proceeds Aid Cancer Fund

Miss E. Miles Thayer always had a feeling that she wanted to do things for people, and then 'out of the blue' came the inspiration for a song.

The song "I Am In Love" just off the press, gives promise of sweeping the country and may prove the song hit of the year. Miss Thayer has dedicated the song to the Cancer Research Fund, and 20 per cent of the net proceeds from the sale of the sheet music

and records will go to the Fund.

First to introduce the song is Blanche Dailey, a friend of the author and a property owner in Joshua Tree. Miss Dailey has already introduced the song before several groups and will shortly make a recording for sale.

The Cancer Research Fund is putting on a drive for funds in April and the sheet music for "I Am In Love" will be on sale in all the popular stores throughout the country.

JOSHUA TREE TRAILER PARK TO EXPAND

E. A. Baldwin, owner and operator of the Joshua Tree Trailer Park announces that they have outgrown their present capacity and that they are going to expand to the property they now own adjoining the present Park but facing on Commercial Street.

Work of constructing additional restrooms and other accessories will begin in a few days and the new addition will be formally opened when the new construction is completed.

The present Park has a capacity of 26 trailers and is filled to the limit. When the the new unit has been completed it will double the number of trailer homes that can be accommodated.



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Ray Seidlitz Back In 'Them Thar Hills'

Mrs. Ray Seidlitz, Independence, California, is no stranger to the desert, but this is the first time she has been out here since Joshua Tree began to grow.

The last time Mrs. Seidlitz was here was in 1929, when she came with a party of miners, surveying mineral prospects in this part of the desert. She says she has always been interested in mining and in miners.

Mrs. Seidlitz says she is aware that the mining interests are trying to get our Monument opened for mining, but, she says she thinks the Monument will be much more valuable as a play ground and a place left as nature made it, for the miners to come to, for recreation and rest.

Backing up her contention, Mrs. Seidlitz said she is going to buy a bit of property here and build a little hide-away home.

Mrs. Seidlitz was the guest of Mrs. Eleanor Hall on this visit.

DISABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 26 (WNS)— Disability insurance paid 235 claimants from the San Bernardino office of the California Department of Employment for the week ending March 14 totaled \$835, it was announced today.

The claimants certified to 430 weeks of unemployment because of disability. During the week, 69

DEADLINE FOR FILING GIFT TAX RETURNS

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) — Gift tax returns for the year 1946 must be filed with the State Controller on or before April 15, Thomas H. Kuchel, controller, announced today.

Subsequent to April 15, persons filing a gift tax are subject to a 10 per cent penalty, Kuchel said.

All donors who have made a gift to any one donee of property exceeding \$4,000 in value, or who have made a gift of a future interest in property, regardless of value, are required to file returns. Persons receiving such gifts are required to report them.

Forms for filing the returns may be obtained from the Controller's offices at 458 South Spring St., Los Angeles; 785 Market St., San Francisco; and State Capitol, Sacramento.

new claims were filed.

Officials of the department announced that full information concerning the disability program is available at any of its local offices, or by writing the department at 1025 P Street, Sacramento.

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12,000 Seek Land

Reminiscent of early-day land rushes, land office officials yesterday revealed that more than 12,000 applicants have filed lease applications on five-acre tracts in the Morongo Basin area.

According to Paul B. Witmer, acting manager of the district land office, last year's record of 4420 applications will be "far surpassed" this year.

More than 400 persons daily are crowding the Government land office to file applications or check the records for "choice" parcels of land, Witmer said.

The 5-acre leases, good for a five-year period, start in the Morongo Valley, extend to the town of Twenty-nine Palms, and eastward to the mining camp of Dale, about 20 miles from Twentynine Palms.

Witmer pointed out that the Government so far is not issuing deeds or patents to the small tracts. Persons obtaining leases are required to pay a \$5 filing fee, and a \$5 rental or "lease fee" each year for five years.

"With the land rush assuming such impetus, it might be that the

"K" FIELD TO BE PROVING GROUND FOR NEWEST GLIDER IDEA

If you see a strange sort of bird soaring around over this desert you will probably be seeing the new Flying Wing Glider.

The Flying Wing Glider is a new idea in glider design and departs radically from the conventional design.

The designer has brought the ship out to "K" Field for testing and if it proves out as he expects, the next step will be to install jet propulsion for take-off, thereby eliminating the towing operation now necessary to launch a glider.

GET MORE PAY

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) —Salary increases for San Bernardino County's Superior Court reporters were virtually assured today as the Senate passed, and sent to the lower house, SB 127 by Senator Ralph Swing.

The measure would raise the court reporters salaries from \$3600 to \$4800 per year.

Government ultimately will grant deeds to the lease owners," Witmer predicted.

DR. SINCLAIR'S PARENTS VISIT

Dr. and Sally Sinclair entertained Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Davis and Mr. John Linder of Los Angeles, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair are the parents of Dr. Sinclair, and it was the first visit to the desert for his mother. She said she is just as enthusiastic over the desert as the Doctor is.

BAGLEY BUYS STATION

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with Grace and Hubert Aldridge in the Desert Trading Post. He says the Oil Company is going to install a hydraulic hoist grease rack, and two new type electric gasoline pumps, together with a new compressor and a new lighting system. When the work of modernization is completed the station will stock tires, tubes and batteries and other accessories and be able to render complete lubrication service.

Morongo Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woods of Los Angeles are spending a week with Mr. Woods father, Jim Woods.

Mrs. T. P. Melbourne, wife of Dr. T. P. Melbourne, who recently underwent a major operation at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, has returned to the Melbourne Ranch home in San Luis Rey and is said to be recuperating nicely.

Dr. Melbourne is the owner of the Morongo Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibson and daughter Dorothy of Van Nuys spent last week with Mrs. Gibson's sister, Mrs. H. M. Hess.

The Morongo Women's Social Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Rosella Hess on Thursday, April 3rd.

Mrs. Hess is acting secretary for Neoma Hobgood while she is away. Mrs. Marion Weir is president of the club. Three new residents became members of the club last meeting, including Mrs. Ivy Steed and her sister, Mrs. Bollinger.

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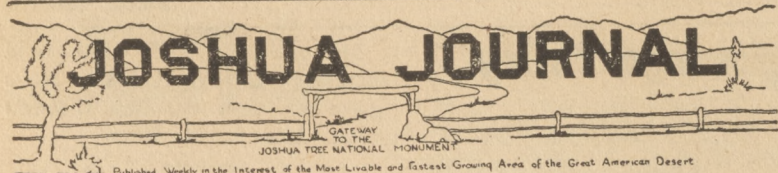
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SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

We are thoroly aware of the unprecedented growth of population in our State and County, and the financial complications that this growth entails, but, we are also aware that the law says that parents MUST send their children to school.

That implies that there must be a school to send them to. Here on the desert and particularly in Joshua Tree the school situation is acute. We passed the hat to build a Community building so as to have a building to loan to our school district so our children could go to school. Already conditions in that temporary expedient are intolerable.

The County school authorities say there is no money to build a standard school for us and the law won't permit building anything but a standard school.

The law is a STATE LAW. We WANT our children to go to school, but we want them to have a proper kind of school to go to; enough room, enough teachers, enough equipment and a proper atmosphere so their young minds will have a chance to absorb the knowledge imparted to them.

If our County is too poor to provide the proper school facilities, what about the State; what about the Federal government, who incidentally is reported to own 71 per cent of the land in San Bernardino County, TAX FREE.

WHY WORK?

California hasn't yet created a Paradise in which a worker can get his job done merely by pushing a button, and then relaxing for the rest of the day on his easy-gotten gains.

But that Elysian era may be just around the corner. The nearest approach to it at the moment can be found in the Legislative hamper at Sacramento. Grab-basket may be a more accurate term than hamper, but anyway it contains a sheaf of bills that would pay Californians more to laze than to work.

Promoters of the bills say they would liberalize the State's social security laws governing unemployment, sickness and disability, and workmen's compensation. That's putting it mildly.

Three of the measures would boost unemployment insurance benefits from \$20 to \$30 a week for 26 weeks instead of 23. Three others would allow maximum benefit periods for both unemployment and sickness insurance in the same year. Theoretically at least, a person could get paid \$30 a week for 52 weeks, by being "unemployed" half the year and "ill" the other half.

Since this money would be tax free, the annual benefits would actually exceed the per capita income of regularly-employed wage earners!

California's social security laws are already among the most liberal in the United States. But there is an economic limit to such liberality. When it puts a premium on idleness, the question naturally arises, "why work?" The Legislature might well ask that question of the proponents of the "liberalizing" bills. Maybe they've got the answer.

GOOD JOBS BEGGING

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) —Disclosure that three vacancies in the geologic branch of the State Division of Mines are being held open until June because of the State's inability to obtain "satisfactory candidates" was

made today in a report submitted to Governor Earl Warren by Warren T. Hannum, director of Natural Resources.

The positions are supervising geologist (salary \$475 to \$575 per month), associate geologist (salary \$365 to \$445), and assistant geologist (salary \$295 to \$355).

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Homer and Ruth Stuart, the publishers say they are more than gratified with the way their magazine has been received and with the support the advertisers have given them.

Popularity of the magazine is growing steadily, and the Stuarts are gradually expanding their field of coverage.

The publishers are hoping that before another birthday rolls around they will not only assemble and edit the Magazine in Yucca Valley, but that they will have their new printing plant operating and be able to complete the job in the Valley.

STATE RENT CONTROL HEARING

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) — Assemblyman Richard McColister of Mill Valley, chairman of the Assembly Military Affairs committee, said today that his committee would hear legislative proposals to appropriate 100 million dollars for permanent housing, 35 million for temporary housing, and to establish State rent controls, at a meeting held Monday night, March 31.

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So fragrant in the springtime light;
Peals forth its message choice.

II
The winter days are gone away—
New Life and hope is in the sway;
And after death to you and me
Comes dawn, the new and deathless day.

III
As Christ went through the winter-blast,
He died on Calvary's tree;
Was buried there beneath the tomb;
Just for the like of you and me.

IV
But like the lily fair and white,
Came back to life again—
So Christ comes too, this Easter morn,
Proclaiming there's no death, no pain.

—Caledffrwd

At the "Joshuas"

June LeMert Paxton and Guy Ohlen drove up to the Journal office Saturday to have us meet their weekend guests. They were Captain Dana Langford Thompson and Mrs. Thompson. Also in the party was Mrs. Paxton's charming daughter, Evelyn, who likes to get away from the smog of Hollywood and spend some time with her mother on the desert.

Captain Thompson is with the Army Engineers and has just returned from Japan and the Philippines, where he has been stationed since the end of the war. Mrs.

29 PALMS VETS ELECT

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Dowell, Jr., vice-commander; J. W. Hudman, quartermaster; Arthur Milliard, re-elected adjutant for another year.

Adj. Milliard extends an invitation to all eligible veterans to visit the Twentynine Palms post and to join them. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at the DAV hall.

At the annual election of officers March 11, Bill Buck was elected commander; Joe Andrews, Sr., vice-commander; Red Mc-

Thompson was just ready to join her husband when word came that he was coming home.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE REPORT

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) —The State Department of Social Welfare made the following payments in San Bernardino County during February, Charles M. Wollenberg, director, announced today:

4,991 recipients of old age security were paid \$264,933.07, an average of \$53.08 per person.

252 recipients of aid to the needy blind were paid \$14,769.11, an average of \$58.61 per person.

1,094 recipients of aid to needy children were paid \$39,419.20.

For the entire State, Wollenberg said, 167,391 individuals received \$8,811,024.82, an average grant of \$52.64 per person. This represented an increase of 403 over the number of people paid in January.

5,844 persons received \$338,464.95 in aid to the needy blind payments, an average grant of \$57.92, representing an increase of 15 payments over January.

26,389 needy children received assistance payments totalling \$1,010,428.36 in February, an increase of 603 over January, Wollenberg said.

ROAD CONTRACT LET

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) —A contract for applying a seal coat to 5.9 miles of Highway US 60, between Mira Loma and 2.5 miles west of Riverside, was awarded today to George Herz & Co., San Bernardino, State Director of Public Works C. H. Purcell announced.

ASSEMBLY TO INVESTIGATE DEPT. OF EMPLOYMENT

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) —Request for a sweeping investigation of the California Department of Employment, involving administrative practices which allegedly permit thousands of dollars worth of unemployment insurance checks to be stolen from local offices, was being prepared today.

Assemblyman George Miller, Jr., of Richmond, declaring he has reports from all sections of California that an undetermined number of checks have been stolen, will ask the State Assembly for the investigation through a resolution which was introduced Monday.

Reported theft of the checks, Miller said, is only one phase of the proposed investigation, which also will cover the alleged failure of the Department of Employment to follow accepted accounting principles in disbursing millions of dollars to insurance claimants.

Other points which Miller seeks to have the Legislature investigate are reports that:

1. Unemployment insurance checks remain in local office files without proper accounting for long periods of time.

2. Money has been paid to unemployment insurance claimants illegally as the result of the department's failure to check eligibility.

3. The department is some four months behind in payments of its telephone and utilities bills, as

well as its expense vouchers.

4. A patronage system exists in which employees of low civil service classifications have been elevated to positions paying large monthly salaries.

5. The department makes concessions in the payment of per diem expense accounts to individuals who have been shifted from office to office as the result of the transfer of the employment service from the Federal to the State Government.

6. Examinations for high paying positions have been "rigged" to permit only certain individuals to take them.

7. The department fails to publish adequate statistics comparing the placements made with the number of persons drawing unemployment insurance.

"These are a few of the items I believe the Legislature should look into," Miller said, "simply as a matter of its responsibility in adopting laws which can and should give the people of the State an honest administration of State Government."

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SACRAMENTO, March 24 — (WNS)—Asserting that the State Division of Mines and its newly selected civil service chief, Olaf P. Jenkins, are conducting the State's business in a "high-handed and secretive manner" and that such conduct fringes upon "illegal activity and malfeasance in office," State Senator Chris N. Jespersen of Atascadero today indicated he will make a personal investigation of the entire business of the division.

Jespersen's charges came in the wake of several futile attempts to gain information from the division for the purpose of compiling facts in connection with certain legislation he is preparing.

Despite an exchange of correspondence between the Senator and Jenkins, in which Jespersen repeated his requests for information, the division failed to respond to the legislator's satisfaction.

"All I got was a brush-off," Jespersen declared, stating that his requests were either completely ignored or answered with mimeograph material "so ancient it was useless."

"Since then," Jespersen said, "I have learned that I have not been alone in this treatment and that other Senators have met with the same response. It has been brought to my attention that Jenkins has been similarly treating the press in this same abrupt manner."

But the spark that set the San Luis Senator off was the absolute refusal by Jenkins to disclose records kept by the division on mineral production in the State.

"I have in my possession," Jespersen stated, "a letter from Mr. Jenkins which is tantamount to a direct refusal to furnish the information I requested."

He referred to a statement in the Jenkins letter which said "by agreement with the individuals (mining operators) we have pledged ourselves to keep their production figures and values confidential."

"The idea of a State employee taking it upon himself to enter

into an agreement which is in direct conflict with the law is bad enough," the solon contended, "but what makes it almost unbelievable is the fact that the Division of Mines was established by the Legislature for the one purpose of collecting figures and data for the public's information. That is the only reason we have a State mineralogist."

To prove his point he cited Section 2205 of the Natural Resources Code, which reads: "The State Mineralogist shall maintain, in effect, a bureau of information concerning the mineral industry of this State to consist of such collections and library, and arrange, classify, catalogue, and index the

data therein contained, in a manner to make the information available to those desiring it."

"As for Jenkins entering into an agreement with the mine operators to keep these figures secret," Jespersen continued, "it is not only ridiculous, but is unquestionably illegal."

He said Section 2207 of the Code makes it mandatory for mine operators to submit production figures as well as other pertinent information concerning their mining operations, and any other information relative to the mine that the mineralogist requires.

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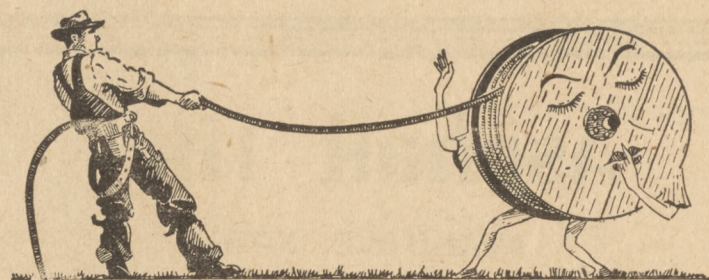
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Dr. Williams' sermon was taken from the 21st Chapter of St. Matthew, verses 1 to 17. This splendid sermon was preceded by Communion Service.

A vocal solo "My Task" was sung by Mrs. Kirch. Mrs. H. K. Lee at the piano.

The Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunrise Terrace, Joshua Tree. The service will start at 5:15 a.m. There will be special vocal and instrumental music. Everyone is most cordially invited to this service. Come and bring a friend. The 11 o'clock service on Easter morning will be held at the Community Building and we hope everyone will come to Church on Easter. There will be special music and a splendid sermon by Dr. Williams.

Bring your memorial plants and flowers to the Community Building Saturday afternoon or get in touch with Mrs. Kirch and she will call for them. Help us to decorate our Chapel for Easter. These plants can be taken home or will be distributed to shut-ins or some hospital.

The Sunday School is extending a cordial invitation to all to the special Easter Sunday program at 9:45 a.m.

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That is the chief reason that people have ignored the most valuable of all the foods, which are the fruit and the vegetables. These foods have the necessary balancing elements, which are the vitamins and the minerals. Of course the energy foods or calorie foods are necessary to the body, but they are helpless to maintain a healthy body without the balancing foods, or minerals and vitamin

foods. Just as the vitamins need the mineral base to work in, so does the energy foods need the balancing foods to insure beauty, health and youth.

The calorie foods are the foods that put on weight and fat and in any reducing diet it is necessary to lower the amount of calories you put into your body a day. Today the most successful reducing diets are those that supply all the food you need from the balancing foods, while they maintain just sufficient energy units to satisfy the body.

Town Gossip

One of our visitors this week is R. S. Roberts, General Vice-President, (Retired) of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, (AFL) who lives in Monterey Park.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, Los Angeles Police, Juvenile Officer, who recently purchased the new home built by George Bloom, entertained her mother, Mrs. O'Reilly over the weekend. Mrs. O'Reilly lives in Minnesota.

Mrs. Eleanor Hall was out Sunday in furtherance of her building plans.

Guests of Steve Moninger and the Townsite Company, were Mrs. Edna Hayes and her daughter, Mrs. Robbie Del Bridge. Mrs. Hayes has been here before and has purchased property here, but this was the first visit to the desert for Mrs. Del Bridge and she said she was "just crazy about it."

Elliot says few fruits left.—adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, were on the desert this weekend for the

first time for several months. They got up early to join the Desert Flight Club on their breakfast flight to Giant Rock Airport, and the way the ham and eggs disappeared it must have had a good effect on their appetites. While the Fishers would not commit themselves for publication we have a hunch they are planning to do something with that business corner they own on the hiway.

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BUSINESS BUILDINGS FOR SALE

\$3450—Cement block construction, near business center. Ideal for radio repair shop. Lot 43x90.

\$8,000— Restaurant Building for sale on 29 Palms hiway. Located in Joshua Tree business center. Lot is 50x189, faces on two business streets. Terms.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS GET MORE MONEY FROM STATE

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) —Apportionments for support of elementary schools and kindergartens in San Bernardino County will be increased materially under provisions of Assembly Bill 2120, enabling act which will put the provisions of the school amendment voted at the last general election, into effect.

This was announced today by the State Department of Education, which estimates that \$3,472,411.11 will be apportioned for the 1947-48 fiscal year under provisions of the new bill, compared to \$2,161,286.50 granted the County for the fiscal year 1946-47.

The apportionment for the present fiscal year, it was pointed out, does not include expenditures for kindergartens, which are included in the contemplated apportionments for the next fiscal year, the department said.

This bill is now before the Assembly ways and means committee for action, having been given a

Ball Point Pen Banned

SACRAMENTO, April 1 (WNS) — Use of one of the country's modern developments, the ball-point pen, has been banned in offices of the California Department of Employment by James G. Bryant, chairman of the California Employment Stabilization Commission.

This was learned today as employees in more than 100 offices of the department, located throughout the State, received notice from Bryant that their investments in the new-fangled writing wrinkle could be written off to profit and loss, monthly loss.

Reason for banning the new invention, Bryant said, is the fact that "signatures may be easily transcribed to other documents" with ink from a ball-point, and as a result, persons who sign benefit checks are instructed not to use the new pen for that purpose.

do pass recommendation by the Assembly Education committee.

JOURNAL HAS REAL FAN IN MICHIGAN

Mrs. Ella Ayling, who lives in Grosse Point, Michigan, has been a subscriber to the JOURNAL almost since its beginning and is one of the most ardent fans we have. Mrs. Ayling is a former neighbor of our own Amber Peterson. The following card shows Mrs. Ayling's devotion to our paper.

Grosse Point, Mich.
March 23, 1947

Joshua Journal:

I am writing you to tell you I now have the years paper. It makes a nice interesting lot of literature, also its nice little yellow paper for contrast in color. Poems, pictures, humorous statements can very easily be looked up.

I like the school group, a nice group to show our Grosse Point high school boys. I bring it out once in a while; some of which Amber Peterson knows about. They may visit "K" Field later. The paper 'book' tells all.

Sincerely,
MRS. ELLA AYLING



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